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(54) Title: METHOD FOR THE MATURATION OF BEER  (57) Abstract  The invention relates to a continuous method for the maturation of beer after main fermentation, in which method the unmaturing beer, after the removal of yeast and a heat treatment, is passed into a bio-reactor filled with a carrier material with yeast immobilized on it, said carrier material mainly consisting of wooden particles and/or similar particles. The invention also relates to a continuous maturation reactor, which is an upright column-type flow-through reactor containing one or more sieves, intermediate bottoms or flanges and which is filled with a carrier material with yeast immobilized on it, said carrier material mainly consisting of wooden particles and/or similar particles.		